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DESCRIPTIVE  
CATALOGUE  
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PRICE LIST  
OF  
Fruit Trees

GROWN BY

P. & P. DE WET,  
VILLIERSDORP, C. P.

*S. Adens*

If you prefer this Catalogue in Afrikaans please let us know when a copy will at once be posted to you.

As U verkieς om hierdie Katalogus in Afrikaans te hê, gee ons dan asseblief kennis daarvan en ons sal U 'n Afrikaans eksemplaar stuur.

## TO OUR CUSTOMERS.

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DEAR SIR OR MADAM,—

We have much pleasure in presenting you with our **ELEVENTH CATALOGUE OF FRUIT TREES**, and avail ourselves of the opportunity to thank our Customers for the support accorded us during the last ten seasons, and shall do our best to merit a continuance of their favour and recommendation.

We have now extended our nurseries, which contain over half-a-million trees in various stages. The greater part of the nurseries are on the well-known and fertile farm "Radyn." The soil is particularly suitable for producing nice fibrous-rooted trees, thus ensuring a safer removal to other places.

On inspecting a shipment of pear stock which arrived here last December, a Government Official has made the following statement: "You are importing your stock from Nurserymen with whom we have had the least trouble so far."

We further beg to assure our customers, that neither time, nor trouble, nor expense, has been spared in the selecting, growing and preparing of our trees, and that we can confidently recommend them as being well-grown and healthy, and all orders entrusted to us will again receive our prompt attention.

Yours faithfully,

P. & P. DE WET.

VILLIERSDORP, C.P.

15th January, 1927.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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*Please read carefully before ordering :*

1. All correspondence should be addressed to :—

**P & P de Wet, Villiersdorp, C.P.**

*Bankers : BARCLAY'S BANK, VILLIERSDORP.*

*Telegraphic Address : " BOMEN, VILLIERSDORP."*

*Telephone No. 6. P.O. Box No. 6.*

2. Customers are requested to make use of our order forms as far as possible to avoid delay in execution and unnecessary correspondence, and must please write their addresses distinctly.

3. All orders are carefully packed for transmission to all parts of the Union, so as to ensure their arrival in good condition, and delivered carriage free at Worcester or Elgin Station. We do not charge extra for packing or packing material.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for any loss or delay that may occur through the negligence of the Railway Department, after the trees have been delivered by us.

No complaints will be recognised unless made within ten days from date delivery has been taken of trees.

4. GUARANTEE OF GENUINENESS AND CONDITION OF SALE :—Every possible precaution is taken to prevent errors, and consequently while we guarantee our trees to be true to name, we can only hold ourselves responsible to replace such trees as may prove untrue to label or refund the money received for such trees, and we give no further warranty, nor will we recognise any further liability.

5. Approximate date of execution must accompany each order, and we wish our customers to specially note, that it is very difficult to hold back trees, standing in the nursery, after the middle of August. This, of course, relates to certain varieties such as quinces and the early varieties of peaches, almonds, plums, etc. ; but apple can be held back later, dependent on the season.

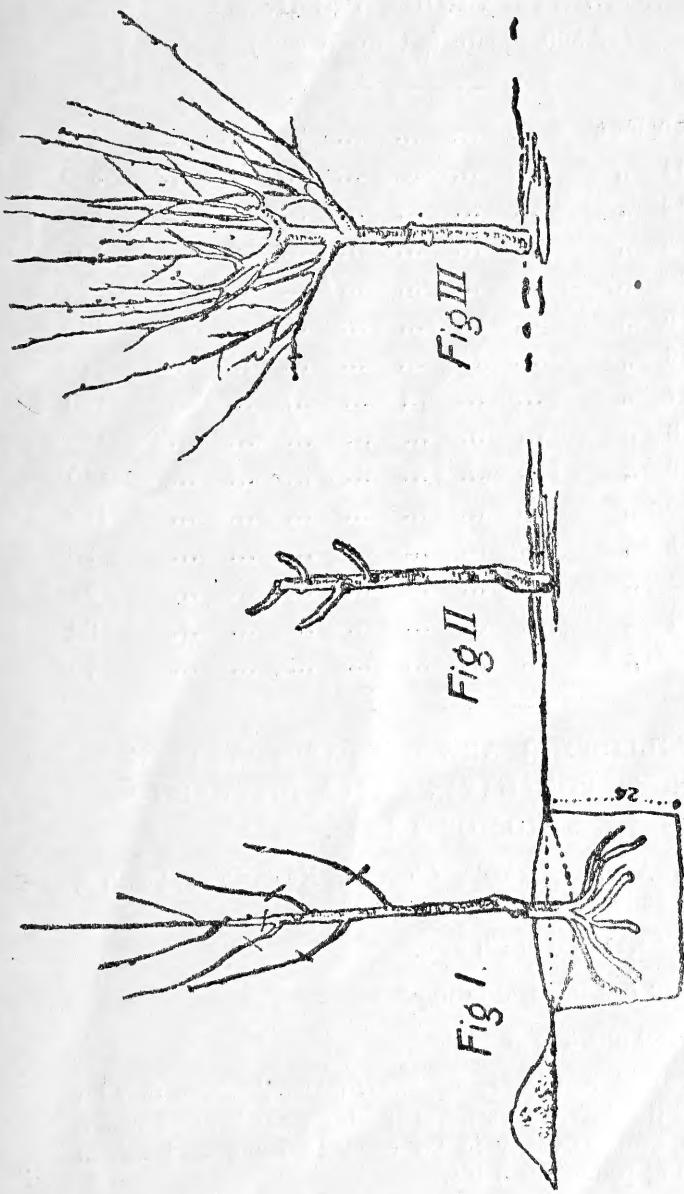
6. Good references must accompany each order from clients unknown to us.

7. OUR TERMS ARE NETT CASH WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM DATE OF INVOICE.

Terms can, however, be arranged.

## WHEN AND HOW TO PLANT.

The best time to plant is from JUNE 1st to AUGUST 31st.



The accompanying plan shows:—Fig 1. Section of hole after planting, leaving a basin as shown by dotted lines, to be filled by water, which must be filled up with ground after water has soaked away. This process of watering is unnecessary if followed by rain immediately after planting. Fig. 2. Same tree pruned immediately after planting. Fig. 3. Same tree a year after it has been planted.

T A B L E.

SHOWING NUMBER OF TREES REQUIRED TO AN  
ACRE AT VARIOUS DISTANCES.  
(43,560 square feet to an acre).

10 Feet x 10 Feet	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	435
11 " x 11 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	360
12 " x 12 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	302
13 " x 13 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	257
14 " x 14 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	222
15 " x 15 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	193
16 " x 16 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	170
17 " x 17 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	150
18 " x 18 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	134
19 " x 19 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120
20 " x 20 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	108
21 " x 21 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	98
22 " x 22 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	94
23 " x 23 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	82
24 " x 24 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE APPROXIMATE  
DISTANCES FOR LAYING OUT DIFFERENT  
KINDS OF TREES.

Almonds, Apples, Apricots, Cherries, Nectarines, Peaches,  
Pears, Plums and Figs, 20 feet apart each way.

Prunes, 18 feet apart each way.

Quinces, 10 feet apart each way.

Vines, 5 feet apart each way.

There are, of course, exceptions to the above, as may be found amongst the different varieties of plums, apples, and pears, some of which grow naturally in an erect position, and others have a spreading pendulous habit.

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"BOMEN," Villiersdorp.Telephone No. 6,  
P. O. Box 6*Please write distinctly.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Full postal address \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest Station \_\_\_\_\_

Here state how trees are to be forwarded \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate date of execution \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Should we be sold out or short may we substitute nearest variety ?* \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity.	Name of Article.				

*All orders, when accepted, are subject  
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### Price-List of Fruit Trees.

Apples, Apricots, Almonds, Pears and plums, 1/3 each and £5 per 100.

Peaches and Figs, 1/- each and £4 per 100.

Prunes and Quinces, 9d. each and 75/- per 100.

Special quotations for orders of more than 1,000.

N.B.—We deliver all trees at Worcester or Elgin Station, packing and carriage free, but when small orders are to be despatched by parcel post, we add postage to invoice.

It is impossible to send first size trees by parcel post, as they would have to be cut.

N.B.—THIS PRICE LIST CANCELS ALL  
PREVIOUSLY ISSUED.

Considering the high costs of printing, anyone receiving this catalogue, who does not intend planting trees, will help us greatly by handing it over to one who is likely to plant trees during the 1927 planting season.

## VARIETIES.

### APPLES.

DELICIOUS.—A most beautiful and delicious apple from Iowa. Tree a strong grower, hardy and most prolific bearer, fine colour, like "Jonathan," and most exquisite flavour. One of the best late keeping apples.

LORD WOLSELEY.—An excellent dessert and cooking apple originally from New Zealand. Fruit of medium size, tree a moderate grower and good cropper and nearly blight-proof. Subject to Water Core. April to August. Keeps well and good for export.

OHENIMURI.—A New Zealand apple by origin and is one and the same as Munro's Favourite. Suitable for dessert; a moderate grower and constant bearer; a firm tree, bears its fruit near to the stem and, therefore, the fruit is protected against strong wind. Highly recommended as a good storner.

ROKEWOOD.—An Australian apple, beautifully coloured. Very good for export and stores well. Highly recommended.

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**ROME BEAUTY.**—An American dessert apple by origin, does well in cold climates, a moderate grower and late bloomer. Large roundish yellow fruit, shaded and striped red with yellow dots. Yellow juicy flesh. Bears very well. A good storer.

**VERSVELD.**—A large, hard apple, a very good marketer, fruit large greenish yellow, striped with red, but almost red on the sunny side. Stores well.

**WEMMERSHOEK.**—A favourite trading apple all over the Union, a heavy cropper, a palatable apple, decorated with a rich bloom, and thus stores very well. It is also known by the name of Late Bloomer. A good shipper.

**WHITE WINTER PEARMAIN.**—Tree strong and healthy; a vigorous grower and regular bearer. Fruit medium. Skin pale yellow with a more yellow cheek and sprinkled with dots. Flesh yellowish, crisp, juicy and sub-acid. Tree semi-blight-proof and highly recommended in the Eastern Province. Stores well.

**YORK IMPERIAL.**—Fruit, medium size, smooth yellow colour, red shades with indistinct red stripes, flesh yellow, rich and sub-acid. Stores very well.

### **ALMOND.**

**PAPER SHELL.**—Medium size, soft shell nut of good quality and bears well.

### **APRICOTS.**

**OLD CAPE.**—An Old Cape selected variety. Ripens mid-season. Heavy and regular cropper. Fruit medium size. Excellent for mebos and all other purposes.

**ROYAL.**—This variety wherever planted in Africa proved to be the best, and has become the most popular variety for both drying and canning purposes. It is a French apricot by origin; is a good bearer, and healthy and vigorous grower.

**EARLY NEWCASTLE.**—Very early. Fruit medium size; rich golden yellow with a red cheek; juicy. A regular bearer. Ripens November.

### **LOQUATS.**

**CAPE SELECTED.**—An Old Cape Variety and certainly one of the best. Tree, strong and vigorous grower, fruit large and sweet. Heavy bearer.

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### JAPANESE PLUMS.

**APPLE**.—Fruit large, roundish and of the blood class practically the same as the Satsuma. Delicious flavour. Good shipper. Can be recommended.

**BEAUTY**.—A new variety now gaining favour everywhere. The earliest Japanese plum. Very good for export. Highly recommended.

**CHALCOT**.—Fruit, large, roundish and flat; colour bright crimson; should be allowed to ripen on the tree to secure best flavour. A very delicious plum. Ripens just before Kelsey. Good for export.

**CHERRY**.—Also known by the name of "New Year" Plum. Fruit small, round, red skin, rich flavour. Ripens early in December.

**CLYMAN**.—Dark purple, firm, and of delicious flavour. The principal merit of this variety lies in its earliness, which makes it profitable for market purposes long before other plums of this class.

**GAVIOTA**.—A handsome fruit, deep reddish purple, flesh firm, very fragrant and sweet, of excellent quality; good grower and heavy bearer.

**KELSEY**.—The latest and largest of all plums, very rich flavour. Tree a fine grower. Fruit excellent for market and export. A plum that has given satisfaction everywhere. The best for drying.

**METHLEY**.—Originated in Natal by Mr. W. L. Methley, a cross between Satsuma and Cherry plums. A small globular fruit, colour dark red, with purple blue; flesh dark red, melting and delicious and being a very early variety is excellent for the market.

**SATSUMA**.—A blood plum variety. Fruit of large size and almost round. Colour dark red. Stone very small. Excellent for market and canning. Tree a free and hardy grower.

**SANTA ROSA**.—Tree grows free and healthy with fruit free from any defects. A constant bearer. Good for export. Ripens at the end of December and early in January.

**WICKSON**.—The fruit from the time it is half grown until a few days before ripening is of a pearly white colour, but all at once a soft pink shading creeps over it, and in a few days it has changed to a glowing carmine, with a heavy white bloom; the stone is very small, and the flesh is of a fine texture, firm, sugary and delicious—one of the best.

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### PRUNES.

**CALIFORNIA D'AGEN.**—The best for commerce all over the world, and it is considered the finest of all prunes ; fruit large violet colour.

**SUGAR.**—Also called "Sugar Plum." Fruit practically the same as California D'Agen but having a richer flavour.

### PEARS.

**BEURRE-BOSC.**—Fruit large and of good quality, yellow skin and russet splashed. White flesh, fine and melting ; a good grower and bearer. A well-known dessert pear in this country. Ripens in February. Stores well.

**BON-CHRETIEN.**—An excellent pear known all over the world, suitable for all purposes. Stores up to two months.

**FORELLE OR TROUT.**—A most beautiful pear, brilliant colour, covered with reddish dots resembling trout. Fruit medium size, oblong, obovate. Skin yellow, brilliant on sunny side. Flesh white, delicate, melting, sugary and aromatic flavour. Tree hardy and vigorous grower. Good for export, and will store till August. Ripens April-July.

**JARGONELLE.**—A well-known early dessert pear of medium size, ripens shortly after December pear, and should not be allowed to ripen on the tree ; skin smooth and greenish yellow with dark brownish red on sunny side. Flesh yellowish white, tender, melting and juicy ; a rich vinous flavour. Tree a healthy and vigorous grower. Will not store.

**KEIFFER HYBRID.**—Fruit from medium to large yellow skin with a light vermillion cheek, flesh very juicy, with musk aroma, slightly coarse but improves when fully ripe. Ripens in March and will store until September. Tree a very vigorous and upright grower. Stores very well and should be allowed to house ripen. Excellent for canning.

**LOUISE-BONNE.**—Very excellent pear, known all over the world. Fruit medium size and oblong ; good bearer ; white, juicy, melting flesh ; good for storing and shipping.

**WINTER NELIS.**—A well-known and popular variety. A particularly slender growing tree. Fruit of a round and medium size ; yellowish skin covered with russety spots and patches of brown russet. Curved long stalks, flesh yellowish, buttery vinous, with a fine aroma. An excellent late variety. March-August. Stores well. Excellent for shipping.

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### PEACHES.

**CAPE RED CLINGSTONE.**—A selected Cape variety of first rate qualities appearance and flavour. Good for canning. Mid-season.

**CONSTANTIA BEAUTY.**—A selected old Cape variety of first-rate quality, appearance and flavour, especially suited to the export trade. A mid-season variety, ripe in January.

**DUKE OF YORK.**—A good coloured peach of fair size and rich flavour, very early. A good bearer. Can be recommended.

**ELBERTA**—Fruit large, yellow with red cheek, free stone, mid-season, healthy and free growing tree. Good for both market and drying.

**HIGH'S EARLY CANADA.**—An early American peach. Colour whitish yellow, spotted on the sunny side; medium size, free stone, flesh white, juicy and melting. Ripens in December.

**INKOOS.**—A very early variety. Fruit said to be of great size. A variety now gaining favour everywhere.

**LE VAINQUEUR.**—Large creamy white, with blush cheek; flesh tender, juicy, melting and delicious; free stone; ripens before Early Alexander. A variety now gaining favour.

**LEMON CLING**—A large lemon coloured clingstone peach. Good for canning. Ripens March.

**MAMIE ROSS.**—Very large and handsome; flesh white and juicy; melting, mid season, is a half-cling sure bearer, and extremely hardy; a valuable market variety.

**MUIR.**—Fruit large, yellow skin and flesh, perfect small free stone very good bearer, very sweet flesh; mid-season. No doubt the best for drying, canning and other purposes.

**PARVIE.**—White flesh, cling-stone, very rich flavour, and very good for canning. Also known by the name of "canning peach."

**PEREGRINE.**—A distinct mid-season variety, distinguished by its good constitution and productiveness. Fruit large and handsome, with a brilliant crimson skin; flesh rich, highly flavoured, and parting readily from the stone. Good for export.

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**PULLER'S CLING.**—A very large highly coloured cling-stone, and a fine canning peach much preferred by the canning factories. Tree a good grower and heavy bearer.

**PUCELLE DE MALINES.**—A late mid-season peach of fine qualities, and well-known on the London Market. Fruit fairly large and round; skin well coloured on the sun side; flesh melting, luscious and delicious. Very good for export.

**ROYAL GEORGE.**—A well-known English variety of good quality. Fruit large round. Skin very pale, speckled with red in the shade, with deeper red on the sunny side. Flesh pale yellowish white, red at the stone, juicy, rich, delicious and highly flavoured. Mid-season.

**SCHOONGEZICHT.**—An old Cape variety of delicious flavour, fairly large size, beautiful colour; a good and regular bearer. Well known in London.

**TUSCAN CLING.**—A mid-season yellow clingstone, ripening with "Early Crawford;" fruit large and of good flavour. Highly recommended for canning.

**VAN RENSBURG.**—A very late clingstone peach, ripens when all other varieties are out of the market. Not thoroughly tested yet.

### NAARTJE.

**CAPE GROENSKIL.**—(Green Kind). One of the best Cape Varieties.

### NECTARINE.

**GOLD MINE.**—Free stone, biggest size, colour bronzy red, ripens early in December.

### ORANGE.

**WASHINGTON NAVEL.**—A well-known variety in South Africa, and in California considered to be the best. A very good cropper. Good for export.

**CLANWILLIAM SEEDLING.**—A selected variety of the Clanwilliam Orange. Fruit large and sweet. Mid-season.

### FIGS.

We have the following varieties of fig trees in stock, and can recommend the Adriatic, White Genoa and the Old Cape White for extensive planting, and hence for commercial purposes. They are strong and healthy growers.

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Figs cannot so easily be transplanted as other deciduous fruit trees, and should therefore be cut down to about one foot from the ground, and the fibrous roots also shortened in closely.

From the above and by experience, we can recommend the medium size fig tree for transplanting.

ADAM (BROWN).

ADRIATIC.

CALIMYRNA (WHITE).

CAPRI.—(Wild fig for fertilising the Smyrna Fig).

CASTLE KENNEDY (BROWN).

MOON BEAM.

LOURENZO MARQUIS (DARK).

NEW BRUNSWICK (BROWN).

NEGRO LARGO (DARK).

OLD CAPE (BROWN).

OLD CAPE (WHITE).

SMYRNA.

SIGNORA BIANCA.

WHITE GENOA.

## QUINCE.

OLD CAPE.—An old Cape selected variety. The best for commercial purposes. Fruit from medium to large. Can be recommended.

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## TESTIMONIALS.

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We received testimonials from our clients from all parts of the Union last season, of which copies will be gladly sent on application.





